



SHARE THE ROAD CAMPAIGN:

Motorist Information

Be Safe:



Allow at least 3 feet when passing: Slow down and wait for a safe place to pass when driving behind a cyclist on a narrow roadway. A car passing too closely can injure or kill a cyclist.

Treat each bicycle as you would any slow-moving vehicle: Don't try to squeeze by a cyclist on a blind corner, near the crest of a hill, when there is oncoming traffic or on a narrow road. Always wait for a safe place to pass. Unsafe passing can result in a head-on collision!

Be alert and look for cyclists: Look for bicycles when driving and parking. Always check for bikes before changing lanes or opening a car door.

Pay special attention around schools: Drivers need to exercise additional caution when driving near a school. Slow down and be on the lookout for children. Children can dart out from sidewalks and between parked cars unexpectedly!



Be Courteous:

Only honk in emergencies: Sounding your horn near a cyclist can startle them, causing them to weave into traffic or even fall from their bike. Cyclists often cannot hear vehicles behind them when riding downhill due to the wind in their ears. Pass them with a wide berth when the road ahead is clear.

Wait patiently to pass: As often as not, a cyclist in front of you on a narrow roadway is looking for a safe place to pull over to let you pass. Give them time to do the safe thing, then pass at a reasonable speed.

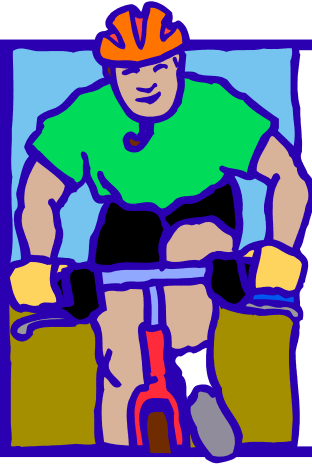


Report Incidents To Law Enforcement:

It is encouraged that you report "road incidents" as soon as possible. When a law has been broken, the local law enforcement agencies will take appropriate action. "Street justice" can backfire – don't participate in Road Rage!

Stay at the scene of a crash and wait for the police to arrive.

Dial 911 to report "road incidents" such as collisions, injuries or reckless behavior.



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Bicyclist Information



Be Safe:

Obey the law: Predictable cyclists are safe cyclists. Obeying traffic laws is the easiest way to be a more predictable rider. When drivers know what to expect they can more safely share the road with you. When cyclists fail to obey the law, we lose the support of many drivers.

Ride single file and to the right, or "take the lane": Be aware of who is on the roadway with you. When the road is wide enough, ride single file and to the right. When the road is too narrow for a car to pass safely in your lane, "take the lane" to avoid being clipped by a motorist.

Use hand signals: The most frequent driver statement made to police at the scene of a car/bike accident is: "I didn't even see them." Signaling draws the driver's attention to you. Signaling costs nothing and it could save your life. As signaling is actually dangerous when going down hill, slow down in advance of intersections and turns to alert motorists to a possible change in your direction.



Be Courteous:

Avoid provoking motorists: Road rage kills and cyclists are most vulnerable users of the road. Regardless of who is at fault, antagonizing motorists can result in dangerous and aggressive driving!

Don't pollute: Bicycling is one of the cleanest forms of transportation on the planet. Let's keep it that way. Don't litter the roadside with energy bar wrappers where we ride.

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